

Sunday, April 18, 2021
Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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Celebrant: The Pastor
SUNDAY BULLETIN



**Today is the Sunday of the World Church
(Green Sunday).**

Please Note:

From the moment one enters the Vestibule, and throughout the celebration of the Badarak, Masks covering the Mouth and Nose are to be worn and not removed until one has left the Church Complex.

This is for the safety of all our parishioners.

Please feel free to contact our office at 617.354.0632 if you have any questions or concerns.

We are grateful for your trust and loyalty to our Holy Trinity community.

Readings of the Day:

Acts 9:23-31. 1 Pt 2:1-10. Jn 2:23-3:12.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. John, chapter 2, vs. 23- chapter 3, vs. 12 and will be read by Ann Danielson.

From Today's Bible Reading

John 2:23-3:12 Nicodemus, a Jewish leader and teacher, is impressed with the “signs and wonders” Jesus has performed and wants to know more. Jesus tells him of a second, even more life-changing birth when we are born again “of water and the Spirit.” *Reflection: The Armenian Church baptizes infants while godparents, parents, and community stand witness and pledge to nurture the child's faith. We are “born again” at baptism, but what are ways to continue this spiritual birthing throughout our lives?*

Acts 9:23-31 The newly converted St. Paul is preaching in the synagogues of Damascus. When his life is threatened, followers lower him over a wall in a basket. Barnabus later introduces and defends him to the apostles in Jerusalem (who might have been wary since Paul was once a zealous persecutor of Christians). The church experiences peace and great growth. *Reflection: The church is described as “living in the fear of God.” (v.31) The Greek word “phobos” denotes reverential awe so v 31 literally translates from the Greek as “[the churches] walked in awe of God, were comforted by the Holy Spirit and grew in numbers.” What might this be telling us about what is needed for the church, the Body of Christ, to grow? Do you feel this awe? See Galatians 5:22-26 for the fruit that walking with the Spirit bears in us individually.*

1 Peter 2:1-10 The apostle Peter describes all believers as “living stones” who come to the Living Stone, Christ, to be built into the spiritual house that is the Church. He eloquently outlines the new status believers have with God. *Reflection: These images of Peter's (vv 9-10) are meant to describe each one of us. Rewrite them in your own words; elaborate as if you were explaining them to someone else. How might these qualities influence the way you live?*

Today is Sunday of the World Church (Green Sunday).

The second Sunday after Easter is dedicated to the very first church in the world – established in Jerusalem by Christ. It was there in the Upper Room (Ver na-doon) that Jesus shared His Body and Blood in the bread and wine of the new Covenant with His disciples and where they in turn gathered with other followers before and after the Resurrection and at Pentecost. It was this nucleus of Christ's church that would one day become a church of millions. Although the site remains a place of pilgrimage, the original building itself no longer exists. In its place, we have a world church the entire earth which the Christian Church has taken under its roof. The name “green” conveys the idea of new life in Christ's resurrection as well as its glorious evidence in nature at this time of year. *Reflection: As in the budding greenery of spring, what outer evidence would others see in you of your new life in Christ?*

April 18, 2021 Hokehankisd

We have all been asked to pray during the Divine Liturgy for the souls of:

- **Alice Gelenian, 1st Anniversary:** Requested by the Abrahamsen and Gelenian Families for aunt.
 - **Makrouhi Haroutunian, 10th Anniversary, Joseph Haroutunian, John Haroutunian:** Requested by Liza, David, Greg and Lori Dorian for mother and grandmother, father and grandfather, brother and uncle.
 - **Bedros & Takouhi Arabian, Haigouhie Garoyan, Roxy Arabian:** From the Trust Fund established by Roxy Arabian.
 - **Garabed, Lousintak, Aram H., and Araxie Tashjian:** From the Trust Fund established by Aram and Araxie Tashjian.
 - **Major Robert Zaven Zartarian, Levon, Louise, Aznev & Virginia Louise Zartarian:** From the Major Robert Zaven Zartarian and Rose M. Charcran Zartarian Trust Fund.
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Congratulations

Congratulations to **Hrag Yeravant Janbatian** and **Elizabeth Leeza Grammatikov** who received the sacrament of matrimony yesterday, April 17, in our Church.

We pray that Almighty God may bless and keep them under protection of the Holy Cross.

REQUIRED

Holy Trinity Divine Liturgy Reservation Form

The Governor has revised social distancing guidelines, calling for a maximum 40% capacity in houses of worship. Although this expands our ability to seat the faithful, we want to ensure your comfort and safety during Badarak.

Attendance will continue to be by reservation only.

To make a reservation, please register online or contact the Church Office at 617.354.0632 by Friday at noon.



Prayer Requests

Your prayers are requested to have mercy on **our countrymen in Artsakh**, to strengthen them in defense of their homeland, and to grant consolation to the suffering and grieving.

Your prayers are also requested for **Ruegg Quibell** and **Rose Tikijian**;
for the good health of all those who suffer from illness in their own private way;
and for those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

Der Vasken offers a weekly Hokehankisd Service.

Please note that if you would like Father Vasken to offer your prayer request during his silent prayers at the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, please fill out the Prayer Request cards that have been removed from the pews when the pandemic restrictions began, and are located on the table in the Narthex (the Church Sanctuary lobby).

Please contact the church office with any questions.

Requests submitted after noon on Thursday will not be printed in the Sunday Bulletin but will be read from the altar by Der Vasken on Sunday.

Prayer for the Season of the Resurrection

Glory to your Resurrection, Lord!

I will not cease to praise You, Christ, all the days of my life.

Glory to Your Resurrection, Lord!

I will not cease to extol You, Jesus, all the days of my life.

I will not cease to glorify You, Savior, all the days of my life!

**We are delighted and overjoyed at the good news of the Resurrection of our
Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

He became the fruit and the first-born of all those that have fallen asleep.

He broke down the doors of hell and released us from captivity to death.

He gave us hope for the restoration of new life for all humanity.

**With faith, let us ask our Savior, Jesus Christ, to ennoble us with his
Resurrection- to let our feeble body share the form and likeness of His glorious
body; because the true God, Jesus Christ our Lord promised this- to reward
those that love Him with magnificent grace beyond words.**

Raise us to life and have mercy on us.

**The true, holy and magnificent Resurrection of Christ our God, which gives life
to all, befit glory, dominion and honor.**

Now and always and unto the ages of ages.

Amen.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

*There are five Holy Trinity Armenian Church Scholarships
available for the 2021-2022 academic year from:*

**The Gregory Archie and Rose Kolligian Scholarship Fund;
The Hollisian Family Scholarship Fund;
The Gertrude Nahigian Scholarship Fund;
The Alice Ohanasian Scholarship Fund;
and The Major Robert Z. Zartarian Scholarship Fund.**

For further information or an application, please call the church office, 617.354.0632, or email office@htaac.org. Complete application with all required documentation must be received by Monday, May 3 for each scholarship requested. There will be no follow up on any outstanding materials due. It is the applicant's sole responsibility to insure that all required documentation is received by the deadline. If incomplete, application will not be considered.

HAI GUIN SCHOLARSHIPS are being offered to students of Armenian Heritage living in Massachusetts who have completed one year of college. Scholarships are for \$2,000 each.

The deadline for submitting applications is October 25, 2021. For all applications, write to:

Barbara Ann Surabian
Scholarship Chairperson
Hai Guin Scholarship Association
4 Fieldstone Drive
Stoneham, MA 02180

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ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY, SUNDAY MAY 16

The Pastor and Parish Council cordially invite all dues-paying members of our church to the Annual Parish Assembly that will take place immediately following Church Services, inside our sanctuary on Sunday, May 16, 2021. This year's Assembly will be different. The date has been delayed in order to mitigate COVID-19 pandemic "spikes" and take advantage of warmer weather for an outdoor ballot box and lunch option.

To accommodate and encourage all dues-paying members, especially our Sunday School parents, to participate and vote, the Assembly will begin at 12:15 p.m. Once the nominations for Parish Council and Nominating and Auditing Committees have been submitted, the Ballot Box will open (approximately 12:45 p.m.) At that time, the Chairman of the Day will call a half-hour recess for the purpose of voting and for those who wish, box lunches will be available outside during the break. The Ballot Box will remain open for one hour.

Additionally, eligible parishioners may request a ballot by mail starting April 9th by calling the church office.

Mail/remote voting guidelines are as follows:

The church office will verify member eligibility, register said member for the Zoom meeting, and send out a ballot.

- Only one person needs to request ballots for the entire household/family
- Each voter will receive a packet containing instructions, a ballot, and two envelopes. The inner envelope will be blank and the outer envelope will be addressed to the church and contain the name of the voter.
- The final day to request a mail ballot is April 29th
- All ballots must be received by the church office by Thursday May 13th at 2 pm
- Ballots can be returned by mail or in person in the church office between the hours of 10 am and 2 pm, Monday to Thursday. Ballots cannot be returned to anyone else at the church outside of these hours to ensure proper tracking of returned ballots
- Ballots will remain sealed until the day of the Assembly
- Anyone who voted by mail will be required to check in via Zoom meeting and will be confirmed by two members of the nominating committee. At that point their ballot will be removed from the outer envelope and deposited in the ballot box (while still in the inner envelope)

We are offering multiple ways for dues-paying members to participate, so please take the time to plan how you will vote!

****We will continue to adhere to the Massachusetts COVID-19 Guidelines requiring masks to be worn that cover the mouth and nose along with keeping 3 feet of distance.**

This is for the safety of all our parishioners.**

Behind the Soldier – A Photo Journal of the War over Nagorno Karabagh

"Behind the Soldier"

Join Holy Trinity in welcoming Arlington-based, documentary photographer, **Winslow Martin**.

Words and pictures chronicle what he witnessed in Armenia during the 44 day war with Azerbaijan.

His photos of volunteers, soldiers going and coming from war, refugees, families of soldiers, funerals, and demonstrations, combined with his commentary, tell a compelling story about Armenia and the realities of life during the war.



Join us virtually Thursday, April 22 at 7:00 pm

Register to attend via Zoom at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEsfu2pqjkrHdEshO6NqDxrnGOifdnlJ6YZ>

(Please register by Thursday, April 22 at 4pm)

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Join Us for a Special Event!

Behind the Soldier: An Auction Benefitting Artsakh Outreach

Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston is pleased to present "Behind the Soldier: An Auction Benefitting Artsakh Outreach." Proceeds from this auction will be donated to the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin's

ARTSAKH OUTREACH mission. ARTSAKH OUTREACH aims to deliver help to the large number of displaced families from Artsakh. Help includes material relief and housing, but also social services and spiritual outreach to help families deal with the horrors of living through the war.

The auction opens online on Thursday April 22, 2021 and showcases the work of Arlington based, documentary photographer Winslow Martin, whose photos tell a compelling story about Armenia and life during the Artsakh war.

Browse the auction now and get ready to start bidding on April 22nd!

<https://www.charityauctionstoday.com/auctions/behind-the-soldier--22903>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR 2021 LENTEN PROMISE

SPREADING GOD'S

light 

-MATTHEW 5:16

We are thrilled to announce that through the generosity of so many parishioners, our Sunday School and ACYOA have raised enough donations to sponsor a family of four for a full year through the Artsakh Outreach program.

Our Sunday School Lenten Drive collection has raised \$1,646, which covers over SEVEN months of sponsorship, which is far beyond their initial goal of THREE months. Our ACYOA has also donated 20% of the proceeds from the Palm Sunday Banquet-To-Go and the Easter Plant Sale totaling \$1063, bringing the total to well over the \$2,640 needed to cover 12 months of sponsorship.

SAVE THE DATE!

**MARLBOROUGH
COUNTRY CLUB**

**MONDAY
JUNE 21, 2021**

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GETTING BACK INTO THE SWING OF THINGS...

**THE 2021
GREGORY HINTLIAN
MEMORIAL GOLF
TOURNAMENT**

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The Armenian Assembly of America (Assembly) welcomed a bipartisan letter signed by 101 Members of Congress to U.S. Secretary of State Anthony Blinken and U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin highlighting key policy issues, including the pressing importance of addressing the “ongoing humanitarian crisis in Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh (Artsakh).”

<https://www.armenian--assembly.org/advocacy>

Please take action and ask your Member of Congress to sign the following bipartisan letters being circulated by the Armenian Caucus leadership:

•Letter to President Biden regarding affirmation of the Armenian Genocide.

<https://files.constantcontact.com/9b598982701/f63a81bd-f515-4935-b6bf-00593e0c49e9.pdf>

•Letter to House Appropriators regarding aid to Armenia and Artsakh.

<https://files.constantcontact.com/9b598982701/82b65777-635b-4719-8bd4-46530c21b732.pdf>

General Guidelines	Arrival at Church	During Divine Liturgy
<p>Livestreams will continue every Sunday beginning at 10:00 AM. We encourage parishioners to utilize this option, especially during the summer when wearing a mask in Church may be uncomfortable.</p> <p>Please do not congregate before or after Church services. Upon arrival, please proceed to be seated and on departure please proceed directly to your car.</p> <p>Bathroom facilities and the Sanctuary will be sanitized on a regular basis following mandated guidelines and regulations.</p> <p>We ask for your patience and cooperation during this time, especially as we adapt to new procedures and guidelines.</p>	<p>Please wear a facemask at all times upon arrival and throughout the service.</p> <p>Please use hand sanitizer prior to entering the Sanctuary.</p> <p>Seating in the Sanctuary will be limited in order to adhere to social distancing directives from local, state and diocesan sources. Please be flexible as you are ushered to your seat; you may not be able sit in your usual pew.</p> <p>Please enter only through the main doors. If you are in need of special assistance, the door at <i>Dorian Way</i> will be available for those with special needs.</p> <p>Please follow Parish Council guidance for seating and wait to be ushered in and seated.</p>	<p>You may place your offering in baskets upon arrival or exit. New offering baskets with long poles will be utilized during services.</p> <p>Pew books and Bibles have been removed from the Sanctuary.</p> <p>The Kiss of Peace will be conducted by bowing the head toward others, without approaching or touching one another.</p> <p>Holy Communion will not be administered for the time being. Packets of <i>mahs</i> will be distributed as parishioners enter the Sanctuary. <i>Mahs</i> will be packaged and distributed by gloved hands.</p> <p>Please follow Parish Council guidance for departure and wait to be ushered out of the Sanctuary after Badarak.</p>
Please stay home if you are feeling ill or are part of our vulnerable population		